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1. VENEZUELAN PARTICIPATION IN THE NAMUCAR SCHEME HAS PROVOKED
LITTLE REACTION HERE. EL NACIONAL DID CARRY A LATIN WIRESERVICE

REPORT ON MAY 28 FROM SAN JOSE QUOTING THE VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR THERE TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOV IS PREPARED TO FINANCE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES TO NAMUCAR. NOTHING HAS SURFACED HERE TO LEND CREDENCE TO THAT STATEMENT AND WE THINK ANYTHING OTHER THAN LOANS ON STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL TERMS WOULD BE MOST UNLIKELY IN THIS AREA.

2. WE ALSO NOTE A NEGATIVE REACTION TO THE SCHEME AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL OF THE GOV. MARIANO TIRADO, CHIEF, TRANSPORTATION SECTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS RECENTLY THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AND STUDIED CLOSELY THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR VENEZUELAN PARTICIPATION IN THE ENTERPRISE. HE FOUND IT FAVORABLE TO MEXICAN INTERESTS BUT OFFERING NO CONCRETE ADVANTAGES TO VENEZUELA. TIRADO WAS INCLINED TO RECOMMEND AGAINST VENEZUELA'S PARTICIPATION, NOTING PARTICULARLY THAT THIS COUNTRY'S OWN SHIPPING COMPANY IS DOING WELL WITHOUT ANY SUCH MULTILATERAL COOPERATION.

3. TIRADO HAS SURVIVED TWO DECADES IN HIS CURRENT POSITION AND IS CONSIDERED VENEZUELA'S CHIEF TRANSPORTATION EXPERT. HE CARRIES CONSIDERABLE WEIGHT IN THAT ROLE BUT OBVIOUSLY HAS LITTLE INFLUENCE ON MATTERS OF POLITICAL POLICY. THE POLITICAL ASPECT IS CLEARLY DOMINANT IN THE GOV DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN NAMUCAR.
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